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To promote the health and safety of children by requiring the posting of Consumer Product Safety Commission child care center safety standards in child care centers and by requiring that the Secretary of Health and Human Services report to Congress with recommendations to promote compliance with such standards.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 1999

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WEINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Child Care Safety Act
3 of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) A study conducted by the Consumer Prod-
7 uct Safety Commission in October and November of
8 1998, found that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the child care settings stud-
9 ied exhibited at least 1 of the Commission’s targeted
10 safety hazards.

11 (2) The Consumer Product Safety Commission
12 is aware of at least 56 children who have died in
13 child care settings since 1990.

14 (3) In 1997, approximately 31,000 children,
15 ages 4 years and younger, were treated in hospital
16 emergency rooms after being injured in child care or
17 school settings.

18 **SEC. 3. POSTING OF CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COM-
19 MISSION STANDARDS REQUIRED.**

20 Section 658S of the Child Care and Development
21 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858q) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(a) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS AS INCOME.—
25 Notwithstanding”; and

26 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(b) CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
2 STANDARDS.—

3 “(1) SECRETARY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
4 STANDARDS.—As soon as practicable after the date
5 of the enactment of the Child Care Center Safety
6 Act of 1999, and with each distribution of funds
7 under this Act, the Secretary shall provide a copy of
8 the Consumer Product Safety Commission child care
9 center safety standards to each eligible child care
10 provider receiving funds under this Act.

11 “(2) STANDARDS REQUIRED TO BE POSTED.—
12 An eligible child care provider receiving funds under
13 this Act shall post a copy of the standards provided
14 under paragraph (1) in the child care facility in a
15 location where the standards can be easily read by
16 employees, parents, and other interested parties.

17 “(3) FORMAT OF STANDARDS.—The Secretary,
18 in consultation with the Consumer Product Safety
19 Commission, shall develop a format for the stand-
20 ards required to be provided under paragraph (1).”.

21 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

22 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
24 Services shall report to Congress with recommendations
25 for incentives, penalties, or other methods for encouraging

1 eligible child care providers receiving funds under the
2 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990,
3 to comply with Consumer Product Safety Commission
4 child care center safety standards.

